

REMARKS

1. In response to the Office Action mailed July 31, 2007, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration. Claims 21 through 53 were last presented for examination. In the outstanding Office Action, all claims were rejected. Independent claims 21, 26 and 41 have been amended by way of the present amendment. No claims have been canceled or added. Thus, upon entry of this paper, claims 21 through 53 will remain pending in this application. Of these thirty-three (33) claims, three (3) claims (claims 21, 26 and 41) are independent. Based on the above Amendments and the following Remarks, Applicant respectfully requests that all outstanding rejections be reconsidered, and that they be withdrawn.

Art of Record

2. Applicants acknowledge receipt of form PTO-892 identifying additional references made of record by the Examiner.

Office Action Summary

3. In the outstanding Office Action, claims 21-53 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 1st paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement; claims 21, 22, 26-28, 30, 32, 37-39, 40-43, 45, 47, 52 and 53 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0066033 (Dobbins et al.) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,434,619 to (Lim et al.), in further view of U.S. Patent No. 7,181,438 (Szabo); claim 23-25, 31, 33-36, 46 and 48-51 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dobbins et al., Lim et al. and Szabo, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,275,225 (Rangarajan); and claims 29 and 44 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dobbins et al., Lim et al. and Szabo, and further in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0053020 (Tejjido). Based upon the above Amendments and following Remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections.

35 U.S.C. § 112 Rejections

4. Claims 21-53 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 1st paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

5. Claims 21, 26 and 41 have been amended to remove the negative limitation “not subject to the control of the service provider” that was indicated as not supported in the written disclosure. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection is moot and it is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

6. Claims 21, 22, 26-28, 30, 32, 37-39, 40-43, 45, 47, 52 and 53 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dobbins et al. in view Lim et al. and further view Szabo. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

7. Claims 21, 26 and 41 have been amended to clarify the invention. In particular, claim 21 has been amended to recite:

applying to said service provider network a security filter definable by the service provider and not the customer, said security filter corresponding to the customer and said security filter specifying network resources of a partitioned network allocated to the customer, said partitioned network including at least a portion of said service provider network;

applying to said network resources of said partitioned network a display filter definable by the customer and not subject to the control of the service provider, said display filter specifying network resources for which said on-line service information is desired by the customer.

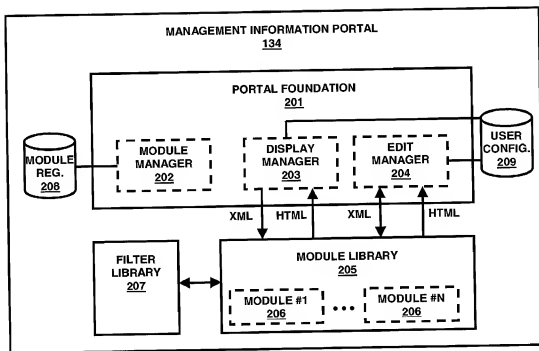


Fig. 2

Claims 26 and 41 have been similarly amended. Support for the amendment is provided at least by the original figures and the specification. In particular, **FIG. 2**, as shown below, discloses a portal foundation **201**; Module Manager (MM) **202**, Display Manager (DM) **203** and an Edit Manager **204**. In particular, the specification disclose the Edit Manager **204** allows the service provider to edit a customer configuration file (not shown) and that the user configuration database **209** is a database having stored therein configuration file (or record) for each registered customer of the service. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the amendments raise no questions of new matter.

8. Dobbins et al. discloses a system **200** for use in managing content resources that has a switch 20 for receiving requests from Web browsers, a content resource management engine in communication with the switch, and a billing system in communication with the content resource management engine.¹ In particular, Dobbins et al. discloses a *subscriber's profile* that contains information about the subscriber, including identifications of applications and services to which the subscriber is subscribed, as well as data that may be used to reconstruct

¹ Dobbins et al. at ABSTRACT.

the subscriber's portal in accordance with customizations the subscriber may have specified is sent back to a Dynamic Portal so that a Portal Renderer can dynamically construct the subscriber's display portal.² Further, Dobbins et al. discloses some or all of the subscriber's profile portal personalization can be controlled by the subscriber or, *at the network provider's discretion, some personalization controls can be administered by the network administrator* (emphasis added).³

9. However, in contrast to Dobbins et al., claim 21 recites:

parsing a user configuration database for a security filter stored in a configuration record of the customer;
applying to said service provider network said security filter definable by the service provider *in accordance with what the customer is allowed to view*, and specifying network resources of a partitioned network allocated to the customer, said partitioned network including at least a portion of said service provider network;
parsing the configuration record of the customer for at least one management information module from a module library;
applying to said network resources of said partitioned network a display filter from a filter library, said display filter is definable by the customer *in accordance with what the customer desires to view and not subject to editing by the service provider*, said display filter specifying network resources for which said on-line service information is desired by the customer (emphasis added).

Independent claims 26 and 41 have been similarly amended. That is, Dobbins et al. nowhere discloses that the “display filter,” as amended independent claim 21 recites is: “not subject to editing by the service provider.” That this is in fact the case is clearly shown in **FIG. 2** above, which indicates no connection between Edit Manager **204** and the Filter Library **207** containing the “display filter” for editing purposes; and found in the specification which discloses the Edit Manager **204** “allows the service provider to edit a customer configuration file” but nowhere discloses the Edit Manager **204** edits the “display filter,” as recited in the claims.

² *Id.* at **FIG. 1**; and paragraph **[0024]**, lines 6-11.

³ *Id.* at paragraph **[0043]**, lines 4-8.

10. Further, the outstanding Office Action states: “the subscriber profile is analogous to Applicant’s claimed display filter” and “Dobbins neither discloses that a profile can or cannot be controlled by a provider”.⁴ However, in contrast to what is stated in the outstanding Office Action, the discussion above clearly indicates Dobbins et al. discloses that a subscriber’s profile, which the Office Action has also deemed as analogous to the “display filter” of the claimed invention, *at the network provider’s discretion, some personalization controls can be administered by the network administrator can be controlled by the service provider*. That is, Dobbins et al. in fact does teach away from the claimed invention which does not provide for the editing or control of the recited “display filter” by the service provider.

11. Further, Dobbins et al. nowhere discloses as the amended claims recite: “parsing a user configuration database for a security filter stored in a configuration record of the customer” and “parsing the configuration record of the customer for at least one management information module from a module library.” Moreover, though the outstanding Office Action identifies an analogy for the “display filter” in Dobbins et al., it is respectfully submitted that separate analogies for the recited “security filter” or “module library” are not identified in the outstanding Office Action.

12. In view of the above discussion, it is respectfully submitted that Dobbins et al. does not disclose, the claimed invention. The outstanding Office Action acknowledge the deficiencies of Dobbins et al. and attempts to overcome these deficiencies by combining Dobbins et al. with Lim and Szabo. However, Lim and Szabo cannot overcome all of the deficiencies of Dobbins et al. as discussed below.

⁴ Office Action dated 7/31/07, paragraph 5, page 3, lines 9-14.

13. Lim discloses a system and method for the management of communication services from a service provider by a customer of the provider.⁵ Szabo disclose a database access system that provides an improved human user computer interface system, wherein a user characteristic or set of characteristics, such as demographic profile or societal "role", is employed to define a scope or domain of operation.⁶ However, neither Lim nor Szabo, disclose, as claim 21 recites:

parsing a user configuration database for a security filter stored in a configuration record of the customer;
applying to said service provider network said security filter definable by the service provider in accordance with what the customer is allowed to view, and specifying network resources of a partitioned network allocated to the customer, said partitioned network including at least a portion of said service provider network;
parsing the configuration record of the customer for at least one management information module from a module library;
applying to said network resources of said partitioned network a display filter from a filter library, said display filter is definable by the customer in accordance with what the customer desires to view and not subject to editing by the service provider, said display filter specifying network resources for which said on-line service information is desired by the customer (emphasis added).

14. Independent claims 26 and 41 have been similarly amended. That is, neither Lim nor Szabo can overcome all of the deficiencies of Dobbins et al. as discussed in the preceding paragraphs. Moreover, the dependent claims incorporate all of the subject matter of their respective independent claims and add additional subject matter which makes them *a fortiori* independently patentable over the art of record. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that none Dobbins et al., Lim or Szabo, whether taken alone or in combination, disclose, suggest or make obvious the claimed invention and that independent claim 21, 26 and 41, and claims dependent thereon, patentably distinguish thereover.

15. Claim 23-25, 31, 33-36, 46 and 48-51 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dobbins et al., Lim et al. and Szabo, and further in view of Rangarajan and claims 29 and 44 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being

⁵ Lim at ABSTRACT.

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unpatentable over Dobbins et al., Lim et al. and Szabo, and further in view of Tejjido. However, based upon the above Amendments and discussion of Dobbins et al., Lim et al. and Szabo, Applicant respectfully submits that neither Rangarajan nor Tejjido can overcome the deficiencies of the cited references and respectfully request the outstanding rejections be withdrawn.

Dependent Claims

16. The dependent claims incorporate all of the subject matter of their respective independent claims and add additional subject matter which makes them *a fortiori* independently patentable over the art of record. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the outstanding rejections of the dependent claims be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Conclusion

17. In view of the foregoing, this application should be in condition for allowance. A notice to this effect is respectfully requested.

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